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Office Action Summary

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 17 February 2004.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-22 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-22 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

Final Rejection

Response to Amendment

1. It is here by acknowledged that the following papers have been received and placed on record in the file: EOT and Amendment A as filed on 2-17-04.

2. Claims 1-22 have been examined.

Status of Claims:

3. Claims 1, 2, 6, 7, 11, 12, and 16-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Greer.

4. Claims 3-5, 8-10, and 13-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Greer and Mano.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

5. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

6. Claims 1, 2, 6, 7, 11, 12, and 16-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Greer.

With regard to claim 1 that teaches a client server system which automatically makes notification which induces a user to a homepage, Greer teaches in column 1, line 50 and in column 3, lines 14-20, notifying the user of updated information and/or automatically downloading the web page. Claim 1 further teaches a reference to a point in time when the user last made access. Greer teaches in column 5, line 17, a time

stamp field, which indicates the access date and time, and in column 7, line 62 through column 8, line 10, the client setting conditions for downloading.

7. With regard to claim 2, 7, and 12, which teach that information includes update information on or after said point in time, Greer teaches, in column 3, line 14 and in column 5, line 17, retrieving update information at a specific time.

8. With regard to claim 6, which teaches, a client server system with a first recording means to record a point in time of the users last access to a homepage, Greer teaches in column 6, line 23, that a date and time of the last modification are stored for a particular object. With regard to claim 6, further teaching a creating means for creating information for inducing the user to a homepage, Greer teaches in, column 1, line 50, that a user is notified when a content change is made on a webpage. With regard to claim 6, which further teaches automatically notifying the user when a condition is satisfied with reference to point in time, Greer teaches, in column 3, line 13, the browser enhancement having user assignable settings for retrieving update information of a web page and automatically downloading the information.

9. With regard to claim 11, which teaches a client server system for inducing a user to a homepage, Greer teaches in column 1, line 50, notifying the user of updated information and/or automatically downloading the web page. Claim 11 further teaches recording a point in time when the user last made access. Greer teaches in column 5, line 17, a time stamp field, which indicates the access date and time. With regard to claim 11, further teaching a creating means for creating information for inducing the user to a homepage, Greer teaches in, column 1, line 50, that a user is notified when a

content change is made on a webpage. With regard to claim 11, which further teaches automatically notifying user when a condition is satisfied with reference to point in time, Greer teaches, in column 3, line 13, the browser enhancement having user assignable settings for retrieving update information of a web page and automatically downloading the information.

10. With regard to claim 16, which teaches a client server system that records a point in time when the user last made access. Greer teaches in column 5, line 17, a time stamp field, which indicates the access date and time. With regard to claim 16, further teaching a creating means form creating information for inducing the user to a homepage, Greer teaches in, column 1, line 50, that a user is notified when a content change is made on a webpage. With regard to claim 16, which further teaches automatically notifying user when a condition is satisfied with reference to point in time, Greer teaches, in column 3, line 13, the browser enhancement having user assignable settings for retrieving update information of a web page and automatically downloading the information.

11. With regard to claim 17 that teaches a client server system which automatically makes notification which induces a user to a homepage, Greer teaches in column 1, line 50 and in column 3, lines 14-20, notifying the user of updated information and/or automatically downloading the web page. Claim 17 further teaches a reference to a point in time when the user last made access. Greer teaches in column 5, line 17, a time stamp field, which indicates the access date and time, and in column 7, line 62 through column 8, line 10, the client setting conditions for downloading.

12. With regard to claim 18, which teaches, an access inducing apparatus adapted to a client server system with a first recording means to record a point in time of the users last access to a homepage, Greer teaches in column 6, line 23, that a date and time of the last modification are stored for a particular object. With regard to claim 18, further teaching a creating means for creating information for inducing the user to a homepage, Greer teaches in, column 1, line 50, that a user is notified when a content change is made on a webpage. With regard to claim 18, which further teaches automatically notifying the user when a condition is satisfied with reference to point in time, Greer teaches, in column 3, line 13, the browser enhancement having user assignable settings for retrieving update information of a web page and automatically downloading the information.

13. With regard to claim 19, which teaches, an computer readable storage medium for a client server system with a first recording means to record a point in time of the users last access to a homepage, Greer teaches in column 6, line 23, that a date and time of the last modification are stored for a particular object. With regard to claim 19, further teaching a creating means for creating information for inducing the user to a homepage, Greer teaches in, column 1, line 50, that a user is notified when a content change is made on a webpage. With regard to claim 19, which further teaches automatically notifying the user when a condition is satisfied with reference to point in time, Greer teaches, in column 3, line 13, the browser enhancement having user assignable settings for retrieving update information of a web page and automatically downloading the information.

14. With regard to claim 20, which teaches, an access inducing apparatus adapted to a client server system with a first recording means to record a point in time of the users last access to a homepage, Greer teaches in column 6, line 23, that a date and time of the last modification are stored for a particular object. With regard to claim 20, further teaching a creating means for creating information for inducing the user to a homepage, Greer teaches in, column 1, line 50, that a user is notified when a content change is made on a webpage. With regard to claim 20, which further teaches automatically notifying the user when a condition is satisfied with reference to point in time, Greer teaches, in column 3, line 13, the browser enhancement having user assignable settings for retrieving update information of a web page and automatically downloading the information.

15. With regard to claim 21 that teaches a method of automatically makes notification which induces a user to a homepage, Greer teaches in column 1, line 50 and in column 3, lines 14-20, notifying the user of updated information and/or automatically downloading the web page. Claim 21 further teaches a reference to a point in time when the user last made access. Greer teaches in column 5, line 17, a time stamp field, which indicates the access date and time, and in column 7, line 62 through column 8, line 10, the client setting conditions for downloading.

16. With regard to claim 22 that teaches a method of automatically makes notification which induces a user to a homepage, Greer teaches in column 1, line 50 and in column 3, lines 14-20, notifying the user of updated information and/or automatically downloading the web page from the server. Claim 22 further teaches pushing the

information when a predetermined condition is met. Greer teaches in column 5, line 17, a time stamp field, which indicates the access date and time, and in column 7, line 62 through column 8, line 10, the client setting conditions for downloading.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

17. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

18. Claims 3-5, 8-10, and 13-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Greer and Mano. Greer teaches a system, which notifies a user of updates to user pre-selected websites, also automatically downloading these updated web pages (see column 1, line 50 and column 3, lines 14-20). Greer however doesn't have a predetermined condition formed by a lapse of a predetermined time from said point in time, a step of urging the user to input user information, that notification is made based on the user information, that the user information includes notifying destination information, or that the notification is made via a communicating method depending on the notifying destination information. Mano teaches an apparatus for automatically downloading and storing internet web pages similar to that of Greer, but further teaches a predetermined condition formed by a lapse of a predetermined time from said point in time, a step of urging the user to input user information, that notification is made based on the user information, that the user information includes notifying destination information, and that the notification is made via a communication method depending on

the notifying destination information. With regard to claims 3, 8, and 13, which teach a predetermined condition formed by a lapse of a predetermined time from said point in time, Mano teaches, in column 4, line 30, a interval (ex: hour, day, number of days, week) at which the web page is to be automatically downloaded. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art, having the teachings of Greer and Mano before him at the time the invention was made to modify the update notification system of Greer to include the ability to use time intervals for updating. One would have been motivated to make such a combination because web sites are updated at different intervals (some may be updated daily, some may be updated yearly).

19. With regard to claims 4, 9, and 14 which teach a step of urging the user to input user information, that notification is made based on the user information, that the user information includes notifying destination information, Mano teaches, in column 4, line 15 and column 4, line 26, the user being given the opportunity to enter information regarding the websites they want to be notified of when automatically updated and the interval which they wish for it to occur. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art, having the teachings of Greer and Mano before him at the time the invention was made to modify the system of notifying users of updates to select websites, of Greer, to include the step of urging the user to input personal information, of Mano. One would have been motivated to make such a combination because the user of user information can customize the update process.

20. With regard to claim 5, 10, and 15 which teach that the user information includes notifying destination information, and that the notification is made via a communication

method depending on the notifying destination information, Mano teaches, in column 3, line 1, that the destination for notifying is the users computer, and that the transmission is made via downloading from the internet. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art, having the teachings of Greer and Mano before him at the time the invention was made to modify the system of notifying users of updates to select websites, of Greer, to include the destination for notifying is the users (their computer), and that the transmission is made via downloading from the internet. One would have been motivated to make such a combination because with out a location to update, and a transmission means there would be update.

Response to Arguments

21. The arguments filed on 2-17-04 have been fully considered, but they are not persuasive. Reasons are set forth below.

22. With respect to the applicant's argument, that the invention of Greer ('828) doesn't teach automatically notifying the client system of updated, with reference to the time of the clients last access.

23. In response, the examiner respectfully submits that Greer ('828) teaches, in column 3, lines 14-20, in column 5, lines 17-27, and in column 7, lines 22-33 and 62-67, an automatic updating process where update information contains access date and time and a last update field which specifies the date and time of the last modification of the webpage and means for changing update periods.

24. With respect to the applicant's argument, that the invention of Greer ('828) doesn't teach transmitting notification specific to the access time of a particular user.

25. In response, the examiner respectfully submits that Greer ('828) teaches, in column 3, lines 14-20, in column 5, lines 17-27, and in column 7, lines 22-33 and 62-67, an automatic updating process where update information contains access date and time and a last update field which specifies the date and time of the last modification of the webpage and means for changing update periods (which are relative to the time of the last access).

26. With respect to the applicants argument, that neither Greer ('828) nor Mano ('807) teach an automatic update system which allows the client system to input user information and sends a notification based on the user notification.

27. In response, the examiner respectfully submits that Mano ('807) teaches in column 4, lines 15-52, specifically lines 28-30, the client setting an interval for updating. Greer ('828) also teaches this point in column 7, line 23 through column 8, line 10, where he allows for user customizable interval settings for the automatic update process.

Conclusion

28. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

29. A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any

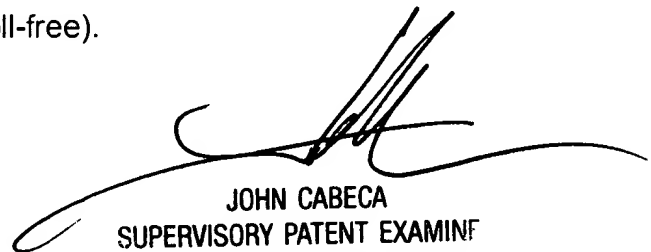
extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

30. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Dennis G Bonshock whose telephone number is (703) 305-4668. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m..

31. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Cabeca can be reached on (703) 308-3116. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

32. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).

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